

III. REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for extending the courtesy of a telephone interview on January 19, 2007. During this interview it was agreed that on page 7 of the Office Action, in the rejection of claim 19, "White" should be "Harris", and that on page 26 in the rejection of claim 25, Harris does not teach using electrical resistance to indicate keypad type.

Further, the Examiner stated that if claim 9 is amended to include the "at least partially conceals" feature of claim 10, it might be allowable after it was pointed out that the cited Fig. 11 of Harris does not disclose this feature. This limitation has also been added to claims 1, 21 and 23. Also, the Examiner stated that if claim 25 is amended to include the limitations of claims 26 and 10, it also might be allowable. All of the above have now been done herein.

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-11, 13, 15-16, 19, 21-28, and 30-32 are not unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Harris in view of Barkat and further in view of Decker.

All of the independent claims now recite that the first keypad at least partially conceals the telephone (or device) keypad. As stated above, this feature is not found in any single reference or even when the references are taken in combination. Further, none of the above references suggests this feature. Thus the rejection of the above claims should be withdrawn.

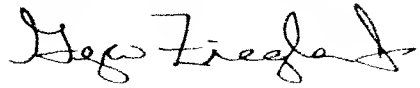
Claim 14 is not unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Harris in view of Barkat and further in view of Decker and of White.

White also fails to disclose the at least partially conceals limitation. Therefore, even if all of the above references are combined, the result is not the claimed invention since this limitation would still be missing from the combination. Further, White does not remotely suggest this feature. Hence the rejection of claim 14 should be withdrawn.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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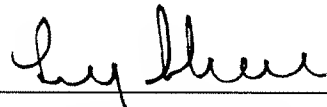
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